

Question 1



Do the things in the easy read consultation report reflect your views and opinions about services for people with learning disabilities?

(Please tick your answer)



Yes



No

You can put any comments about this question here.

Generally, things have improved considerably over the years, with things such as work training & placements that made a welcome change from ATCs or Day Centres. It got me my day job! Also increased social opportunities have done much to get me out more and put me in touch with a broader range of people.



Question 2

What do you think has worked well over the last 10 years for people with learning disabilities and family carers?

This could be changes in your local community or all over Scotland.

Please write your answer here.

Speaking for myself, I am again grateful for things like supported employment. This gave me a sense of worth and identity that I never had up to then. That has been one thing. Others have been Citizen Advocacy, better living support arrangements, all of which have been hugely beneficial, again.



Question 3

What do you think still needs to be done by the Government to make the lives of people with learning disabilities and family carers better?

Please write your answer here.

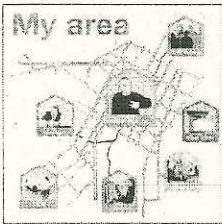
Not enough support for those with moderate learning disabilities. We could do with being assisted - I would have liked to have gotten transition support & assistance when I first left home. What is there when someone like me wants to leave home? In either case, it's no support or no info. What is there? We may be more 'able' but that doesn't quite mean we don't need help!



Question 4 - (this question is for organisations only)

- What have you done in your organisation to improve services for people with learning disabilities in your local area?
- What have you done in your organisation to improve access to services for people with learning disabilities in your local area?

Please write your answer here.



Question 5

What have you done to make things better in your local area for people with learning disabilities and family carers?

Please write your answer here.

I work for a company that supports people with learning disabilities to live in the community! I have been involved with several groups and community organisations that provide services such as Citizen Advocacy, though health issues and other interests have forced me to curtail some of these. I do feel I've done my bit!



GP Surgery

Question 6

What do you think needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities get access to good healthcare?

Please write your answer here.

Training, training, training and yet more training! However, I have to say I have dealt with a wide range of staff in a varied range of situations (both GP & Hospital) in the NHS, and have found them to be excellent across the board.



College

Question 7

What do you think needs to be done to improve access to better education and learning for people with learning disabilities?

Please write your answer here.

A lot of College courses aimed at people with learning disabilities left me feeling there was much to be desired. I would like College courses that are meaningful and lead somewhere for their students, gives them a sense that this will take them to something more than they were before and, by implication gives hopes and aspirations for the future. Why not?

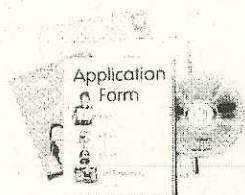


Question 8

What do you think needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities live more independent lives?

Please put your answers here.

Support, support, support and yet more support, for anyone who wants it, but it must be ACROSS THE BOARD. Going back to Q.3, I feel more could be done for people with moderate learning disabilities, but it should be there for everyone at asking, in general.



Question 9

What do you think needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities get jobs?

Please write your answer here

Again, College courses that offer meaningful qualifications and experiences that lead to things like getting a job. Also, a lot of support organisations such as ENABLE Scotland, etc. have really good employment schemes - Does the Scottish Govt. support them? If it does can they do more to help?



Question 10

What do you think are the things we need to do in the future to make the lives of people with learning disabilities better?

Please write the most important things first.

Please write your answers here.

Most of the major things that concern me I have talked about in previous questions here. I would also add that while SAY has done much that is beneficial, one wonders what impact continuing economic pressures will have on what's been achieved thus far, and what needs doing for the future. And it's wondering with worry added